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SUBJ: TOGO/BENIN BORDER OPENS TEMPORARILY

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1. HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM SOME CANADIAN TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED OVERLAND FROM LOME DEC 26 THAT TOGOLESE OPENED THEIR SIDE OF BORDER CHRISTMAS DAY. TOURISTS SAY TOGOLESE ANNOUNCEMENT ON BORDER INDICATED IT WOULD REMAIN OPEN ONLY THROUGH DEC 27. IT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TOURISTS THAT, AT THE TIME THEY CAME THROUGH, THE BENIN SIDE OF THE BORDER WAS OPEN TO ALL BUT TOGOLESE.

2. THESE SAME CANADIANS HAD FLOWN TO TOGO FROM COTONOU ON RK FLIGHT MONDAY DEC 22. THEY REPORT THAT THE LOME-BOUND BENINESE PASSENGERS ABOARD THAT FLIGHT WERE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE LOME AIRPORT, BUT WERE REQUIRED TO WAIT OVERNIGHT AT AIRPORT AND PUT ON EITHER ONWARD FLIGHT OR RETURN FLIGHT TO COTONOU.

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